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FISHING

Port angling for title

MARYANNE FIRTH
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE— There's a lot on the line for Port Colborne. The lakeside city is still working hard to reel in the title of Canada's Ultimate Fishing Town in the World Fishing Network's second annual competition.

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YURT: Four men raise funds for Port Cares



LINDSAY COSTELLO Staff Photo

Port Colborne Ward 1 Coun. Dave Elliott, regional Coun. Dave Barrick, Rotarian Dave Hawkins and Port Colborne-Wainfleet Chamber of Commerce president Mike Sloat are joined by children from the Ontario Early Years Centre in preparation for Family Fun Night on Thursday in the Port Cares parking lot. The fundraiser coincides with 4 Men in a Yurt, an event in which the four men will spend three days in a tent-like dwelling in support of Port Cares' capital campaign.

**'We
will do
whatever
we can'**

LINDSAY COSTELLO
For InPort News

PORT COLBORNE — With no campfires or wild animals, Port Cares isn't your typical camping spot — but its parking lot served as a home away from home for four men this week as they experienced a unique getaway.

Ward 1 Coun. Dave Elliott, regional Coun. Dave Barrick, Rotarian Dave Hawkins and Port Colborne-Wainfleet Chamber of Commerce president Mike Sloat spent last Wednesday to Friday living in a yurt.

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FISHING

Port remains in top spot in voting

FROM PAGE 1

Port Colborne finished first in the initial voting round, which wrapped May 3, and has remained in the top spot in the second round, now underway.

The municipality with the most votes came 6 p.m. May 31 will claim the coveted title and the benefits that come along with being the country's top fishing destination.

Though Port Colborne has maintained the lead, there's stiff competition from Chapeau, Ont., and Port Hardy, B.C., said Stephen Thompson, the city's general manager and director of economic development, tourism and marketing.

He reminded people to continue casting their votes up to four times a day per e-mail address to help keep Port Colborne in the race.

"We need the support of everyone in Niagara," said Chris Yalow Ica, chair of the 444 International Walleye Tournament and executive member of Port Colborne and District Conservation Club.

Yalowica entered the city

in the television network's contest.

If Port Colborne snags a win, it will take home a \$25,000 prize.

The money, Thompson said, will be used for the club's wall-eye hatchery program, a new fish-cleaning station, strengthening local tournaments and promoting the city's fishing opportunities.

While the money will certainly help it's the creation of a video produced and broadcast by WFN that has Thompson most excited. The video will feature the winning city and all it has to offer the fishing world.

A win would mean broadcasting both the Niagara and Niagara's South Coast brands across the country and beyond, he said.

Port Colborne is the only city from Niagara and from southern Ontario that survived the first round of voting.

"Let's bring the title home to Niagara," Thompson said, hopeful people from across the region will help Port Colborne to end in a win.

To vote, visit www.WFNfishingtown.ca.



Supplied photo

Anglers Ryan Waines, Chris Yalowica and Mike Fletcher hope to see Port Colborne win the second annual World Fishing Network competition that would name the city as Canada's Ultimate Fishing Town.

YURT

Three-day effort supported Port Cares Reaching Out and Changing Lives

FROM PAGE 1

They did that at 92 Charlotte St. in support of Port Cares Reaching Out and Changing Lives Campaign.

Several events were held throughout the three-day effort to aid fundraising, including

barbecues, a mountain bike rally and a family fun night hosted by the Ontario Early Years Centre that featured carnival games and other children's activities.

The tent-like dwelling acted as the men's home, there

was no shortage of visitors.

"The community support has been beyond our expectations," said Hawkins, adding that although the weather was not always ideal, there was still a lot of participation.

Elliott said it was nice to see

the community spirit in Port Colborne, whether people stopped to make donations or to simply offer their time to pick up food or coffee and ask if there was anything they needed.

In addition to collecting

cash donations, the group worked to fill a truck with non-perishable food items for the Port Cares food bank—a total 673 kg.

Although a final fundraising total has yet to be calculated, the group was able to

surpass its \$20,000 goal.

Because of the success, the yurt dwellers are open to the possibility of holding a similar event next year.

"We will do whatever we can to help Port Colborne," said Elliott.

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■ **TRAINING:** Firefighters tear apart cars

Crash course

DAVE JOHNSON
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Firefighters honed their auto extrication skills recently, tearing apart several cars at Simmons Auto Body to gain access to the interiors.

Port Colborne Fire and Emergency Services Capt. Joe Henry said vehicle extrication is a technical call that takes a lot of skill, pointing out it's not as easy as just cutting off doors or roofs.

"We actually have to plan ahead, predict movements of the car and possible injury to a patient. So we have to practise this in a controlled atmosphere so when the time comes we can do it in an expedited way."

Henry said the training saw about half of the volunteer and a number of

professional firefighters take part in a three-hour training course on Friday night, followed by the practical training the following morning.

"We went over new cars, airbag locations. We could have anywhere from 12 to 16 air bags in different locations."

He said air bags these days can deploy in two and three stages and firefighters have to be very careful when working around newer vehicles. Some air bags can hold an electrical charge up to 12 minutes after an accident and firefighters have to de-energize a vehicle before going in. That means they have to disconnect the battery and cut power to the air bags.

Cary Slote, a full-time training co-ordinator for Code 4 Fire and Rescue and captain and training officer for Haldimand County Emergency Services, conducted the training. Code 4 is a distributor for Hurst Equipment, which makes extrication tools, such as the Jaws of Life. Port Colborne fire uses Hurst tools.

"They (Hurst) provide the training for free. We buy the equipment and they maintain it," Henry said.

While the fire service does a lot of internal training in auto extrication, Henry said it had been a while since any outside trainers were brought in.

Slote walked firefighters through various techniques, explaining where cuts could be made on pillars and roofs, how to stabilize vehicles that were on the sides and how to roll up a dashboard to free a patient.

Henry said Simmons Auto Body, owned by Eno Ferrara, allowed firefighters to conduct the training at the back of its lot on Elm St. and set up several cars for the day.

"It's provided to us at no cost. Only a year-round basis he (Ferrara) gives us access to his lot."

Henry said firefighters have used the lot to practice training on vehicle fires as well and added help from the community is very important for the fire service.

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DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo

Volunteer firefighter Matt Lannan makes a cut on the front pillar of a car at Simmons Auto Body on Saturday during auto extrication training. Port Colborne Fire and Emergency Services firefighters, professional and volunteers, spent time in the classroom on Friday learning techniques before putting them to use Saturday morning.



DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo

A volunteer firefighter cuts out the front window of a car at Simmons Auto Body on Saturday during auto extrication training.



DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo

A volunteer firefighter makes a cut on the front part of a car at Simmons Auto Body on Saturday during auto extrication training.

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Ourview

Fundraisers

Four men experienced a unique getaway last week as they spent three days in a yurt in the parking lot of Port Cares. Welland Coun. Dave Elliott, regional Coun. Dave Barrick, Rotarian Dave Hawkins and Port Colborne-Wainfleet Chamber of Commerce president Mike Sloat spent the time at 92 Charlotte St. in support of Port Cares' Reaching Out and Changing Lives Campaign.

Several events throughout the three-day effort to aid fundraising, including barbecues, a mountain bike raffle and a family fun night hosted by the Ontario Early Years Centre that featured carnival games and other children's activities.

In addition to collecting cash donations, the group worked to fill a truck with non-perishable food items for the Port Cares food bank—a total of 675 kg.

It was a unique experience the four men held and although final totals are not in, they were able to surpass the \$20,000 goal.

Port Cares is an organization that helps many in the city and the fundraiser held by the men will help with the renovation of the Reaching Out Centre at 61 Nickel St.

Fundraising began in the fall. Port Cares received \$335,000 each from the federal and provincial governments but is responsible for raising an additional \$335,000 in order to complete the project.

To date, the campaign has raised \$185,363.

We're sure the organization will reach its goal and encourage people to help out in any way they can.

Last weekend, another fundraiser was held in the city for another worthy organization.

This one was for Port Colborne Marine Auxiliary Rescue (Pocomar) and it was a beach volleyball tournament held on Nickel Beach.

It was the first time for the tournament and while there weren't as many teams as hoped for, it was still a good time. Pocomar is an all-volunteer Canadian Coast Guard auxiliary rescue unit that operates out of Sugarloaf Harbour Marina.

The unit performs search and rescue operations on Lake Erie between the Niagara River and the Dunnville area. It also helps boaters who have suffered breakdowns on the lake.

While not always needed, the unit is vital to Port Colborne and the surrounding area, especially with the closest Canadian Coast Guard unit based out of Port Dover. There is a unit in Port Wellar, but for it to come to Port Colborne would require it to transit the Welland Canal.

Over the years the unit has helped countless boaters and performed numerous searches.

The members who make up the crews are all volunteers and give their time to help those in need.

We'd urge boaters, and even non-boaters, to donate to the unit whenever they can.

COLUMN

've been thinking... about grace

REV. THOMAS P. ARTH
First Evangelical Lutheran Church

Last week at Bible Study we were taking a quick and broad overview of the letters of St. Paul in the New Testament: who he was writing to, what he was writing about, some of the main themes in those letters. One of the questions on which we reflected and had some discussion was, "If you were to write a letter explaining what you believe, what would you say?"

The answer that came to my mind and was mentioned by some at the Bible study had to do with God's grace. Grace is at the heart of the best sort of "bottom line" definition of what it means to be a Christian who also happens to be a Lutheran. I'm not saying that Lutherans have some sort of monopoly on grace. It's just that for us, maybe more than for some other Christian denominations, grace is the lens through which we look at God and how God deals with the world. I'm not saying that makes us better, it's just how we are. The way we understand and relate to God is centred on grace.

When I read a passage of scripture as I prepare a sermon the primary question I ask is "where is the grace in what God is doing here?" The gospel, the good news of the church, has been called to share with the world, is all about the grace of God. Well, later in that Bible study last week, in our discussions and reflections, the question came up, "How would you define the word grace?"

readers'views

Respect Wainfleet council's wishes

Unfortunately, the arrogance displayed by representatives from other wind energy companies at recent Wainfleet township council and public meetings makes it really difficult for anyone aware of the mounting evidence regarding the negative impacts of these huge industrial wind machines to believe any promises from yet another wind energy company, Niagara Region Wind Corp.

Worldwide evidence indicates that far from producing new, so-called, 'green' jobs, the cost for each 'green' job is not economically viable. At the same time, these new jobs have been found to displace anywhere up to two and more existing jobs in the rest of the related working community. Detailed reports about other

'That's a question that can lead to an inextricable discussion. I recall a Sunday School definition of grace from my childhood: 'God's love, freely given.' Just recently in a confirmation class lesson I came across an acronym that defines grace: God's Riches At Christ's Expense.

My favourite definition comes from a Lutheran writer named Kelly Peyer. She writes about one day in her first year of seminary when the professor just wasn't holding the class's attention. He realized they weren't listening so he decided not to waste any more time talking. He closed his notebook and stopped talking, picked up a piece of chalk and drew a gigantic arrow on the board. He stood back and said, "If you understand that you understand everything you need to know about what it means to be a Christian... who also happens to be a Lutheran." Then he left the room.

Well, the next time the class gathered the professor had their attention. He began by drawing that same arrow and began to speak. "Here's what this means: 'God always comes down. God always comes down. There is never anything that we can ever do to turn that arrow around and make our way up to God. God came down in Jesus. And God always comes down in bread and in the wine, in the water and in the fellowship of believers. God always comes down.'"

I love that story and the way it defines grace. I find joy in the Christian life

because I believe and trust that we have a gracious God, a God who comes down to us purely out of love. It's not because I do the right things or say the right things or pray the right way or believe the right way. Nothing I can do can make me deserve or earn God's favour. Nothing I can do can make God love me more. Nothing I can do can make God love less.

That's how it is for everyone. God loves you whether you know it or not, whether you believe it or not. In God's grace there is love, there is forgiveness, there is mercy, there is abundant life.

According to the Bible God will do just about anything to be gracious. God chose Israel and has stuck by that choice, not because Israel was any better than any other nation, but because God sticks by his promises.

Jesus told stories of a forgiving father, he healed the paralyzed man whose friends lowered him through the roof. Even when it cost him his life Jesus kept on forgiving.

Our Lord scatters the seed of his word everywhere, on fertile soil or hard ground, and he promises that somehow in someone the seed will take root and grow. There are no conditions attached: the father receives his son back, the seed is scattered, the paralyzed man is healed.

That's grace. That's the gospel. And we've been put into the world to be just as fanatical as Jesus was about communicating this good news far and wide.

proposed industrial wind machine projects in Wainfleet admit quite clearly that once these monsters are working they only require up to two maintenance visits per year, by perhaps two technicians. To suggest 40 permanent jobs is pure fantasy when compared to what will actually happen.

The same fantasy that promises 300 'new' jobs in Wainfleet during construction. The reality is Niagara Region Wind Corp. will bring in its own construction workers, it makes no business sense to do otherwise. Even if NRVWC did train local workers to be a part of the construction process, these would only be short-term jobs within the township, and last months rather than years.

Previous wind energy proponents were quite content to admit publicly the most the Wainfleet 'community' could expect to see was around \$1,000 per industrial wind machine per year. This

whilst the wind energy companies build their ever increasing profit margins based only on being heavily subsidized by tax dollars and not on any sustainable business plan.

Wainfleet township council took the time to listen to both opponents and proponents of the industrial wind machines. Only then did they decide to vote on a motion to ask the provincial government to impose a moratorium on any industrial wind turbine projects within the township to protect the best interests of their community. The vote was unanimous.

If Niagara Region Wind Corp. is interested in the wishes of Wainfleet residents and its council's request for a moratorium they have only one option. To respect the democratic process and put their project on hold, or better yet, cancel it.

Andrew Watts
Wainfleet

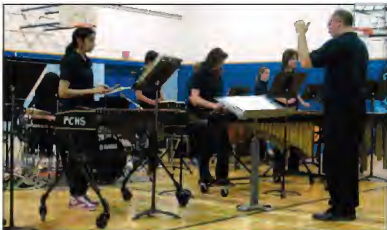
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■ COLUMN

Many events, unique personalities exist here



LINDSAY COSTELLO InPort News Photo
Derrick Stickney, Port High's music teacher, leads the percussion ensemble, Pulse, during the second half of the school's variety show on May 17.

LINDSAY COSTELLO Special to InPort News

Growing up in a small town usually results in a sense of familiarity but for me, this is not entirely true. Having lived in Port Colborne for 21 years, it wasn't until I ventured into the world of journalism that I began to recognize the multitude of events and unique personalities that exist here. As a recent graduate of Niagara College's Journalism program, I will be responsible for a weekly roundup of what

the city has to offer and hope to showcase the happenings that make this small town a place where people can feel at home.

ARTS FOR ARTS SAKE

Port Colborne High School students celebrated the arts last week when they presented a variety show to friends and family in the schools theatre.

Drama, vocal and instrumental performances were part of the two-hour show that featured both class work and extra-curricular projects.

The evening kicked off with

a performance of a short play called *The Process* that was put together by the Grade 11 and 12 drama classes.

The play within a play showed a colourful cast and the ups and downs they experienced while putting together a production. Improvisation team Punchline also flexed their dramatic muscles, using imagination and quick wit to pull off various skits.

Students showed off their pipes when classes, soloists and the school's vocal group, Frequency took the stage.

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■ COSTELLO

Teacher says arts are important to school



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Port Colborne Ward 1 Coun. Dave Elliott, Regional Coun. Dave Barrick, Rotarian Dave Hawkins and Port Colborne-Wainfleet Chamber of Commerce president Mike Sloat spent three days in a yurt outside of Port Cares last week in support of the organization's Reaching Out and Changing Lives capital campaign, which raises money for the renovation of the Reach Out Centre. They were able to surpass their \$20,000 goal.

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Following a brief intermission, the crowd moved into the gymnasium where the percussion group, Pulse, jazz band, Bluenotes, band classes and piano soloists closed the show with their instrumental efforts.

Music teacher Derrick Stickney said the arts are important to the school.

"It's definitely growing," he said, adding the department works well together and the students have shown commitment to honing their crafts.

He said the department tries to have at least one showcase per semester to allow students to show the community what they have been working on throughout the year.

CAMPING FOR A CAUSE

A three-day stay in the Port Cares parking lot has led four local men to fundraising success.

Port Colborne Ward 1 Coun. Dave Elliott, Regional Coun. Dave Barrick, Rotarian Dave Hawkins and Port Colborne-Wainfleet Chamber of Commerce president Mike Sloat came together from May 18 to 20 in a effort they called 4 Men in a Yurt with the hopes of raising \$20,000 for the Port Cares' Reaching Out and Changing Lives capital campaign. The campaign raises money to aid in

the renovation of the Reach Out Centre at 61 Nickel St., which will soon house a commercial kitchen and increased food storage among other features.

Living in a tent-like dwelling from Wednesday morning until Friday afternoon, the four men witnessed community spirit first hand.

"The community support has been beyond our expectations," said Hawkins, adding that although the weather was not always ideal, there was still a lot of participation.

The group was able to surpass their goal through donations and proceeds from various events held throughout the fundraiser. From barbecues, to live entertainment, to a family fun night featuring carnival-type games and other family-oriented activities, there was something for everyone.

The camp out also brought in 675 kg of non-perishable food items for the Port Cares food bank.

Following the success of the fundraiser, the men are open to the possibility of holding a similar event next year.

"We will do whatever we can to help Port Colborne," said Elliott.

If you know of a community event you would like to see featured in this column, please e-mail your ideas to lindsaycostello@hotmail.com



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Katelyn Lander performs a vocal solo, I Dreamed a Dream, in Port High's theatre on May 17 as part of the school's arts variety show. The night featured dramatic, vocal and instrumental performances from various classes and extra-curricular groups.

■ BBQ FUNDRAISER AT SOBEYS



LINDSAY COSTELLO InPort News Photo

Sobeys in Port Colborne held a barbecue fundraiser on Saturday to raise money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Employees are raising the money so they can participate in the organization's Big Bike event on May 26. Student volunteers Arpanetta, Mikie Arpanetta and Nick Chastell joined customer service manager Lori Walborne outside of the store where they cooked burgers and served customers.

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■ COLUMN

Freezing building permits within boil water advisory area

Wainfleet council is currently in the process of implementing an interim council bylaw that will encompass the boil water advisory area.

At our May 10 council meeting, Ald. Betty Konc brought forward a motion to freeze all building permits and planning applications along the Lakeshore area within the boil water advisory area. After some tweaking and friendly amendments to her motion, council unanimously agreed to halt any planning applications requiring a minor variance and Official Plan or Zoning Bylaw amendment.

This new bylaw stems from council's recent decision to abandon the sewer-water infrastructure solution for the lakeshore and move forward with a find, replace, repair solution. Council is of the



April Jeffs
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opinion that relaxed or even non-existent planning policies of the past have widely contributed to the problem of failing septic systems along the lakeshore and the need for a new, comprehensive zoning bylaw is imperative. As we wait for the approval of our new Official Plan from the region, we will begin the process of tendering a consultant for the zoning bylaw which will be followed by public input and consultation.

The crafting of a new zoning bylaw could take up to a year to complete and in the meantime we feel it is necessary to restrict planning applications that

require relief from the current rules until we can establish new guidelines based on community input that will parallel the new septic inspection program. So what does this mean for our residents?

This is a planning freeze. Any current applications that have been funneled through the committee of adjustment and have received approval will be eligible to proceed with their building permit. Any new building permit applications that meet the regular requirements, that is they do not exceed lot

coverage and/or setbacks, will also be able to move forward.

Currently, lot coverage within the township is capped at 2%. Throughout the years applications have been accepted in excess of 30% lot coverage resulting in large or numerous buildings on very small lots. Seasonal homes have transitioned to permanent full-time residences and private septic systems have not been upgraded to meet the demands associated with home expansion.

An interim control bylaw was implemented

in 2004 under the same pretense, however, council of the day supported the sewer-water infrastructure solution. The bylaw was in place for almost a year. Six years later, council has listened to our community and is moving in the direction they pointed us in — residents needing to be responsible and accountable for their own private on-site septic systems.

As with anything, there are sacrifices. We cannot continue with the status quo. We cannot perpetuate the poor planning practices

of the past.

Some may think that this interim measure is too much, while others might think it's not enough.

Regardless, it is an important step in the long journey back to making life along our Lakeshore the best that it can be.

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■ **OPPOSITION:** MP ready to start working

Allen part of NDP transition team in Ottawa

WAYNE CAMPBELL
InPort News Staff

WELLAND — The new Conservative cabinet brought some mild surprises to Welland New Democrat MP Malcolm Allen.

"There was less movement than I anticipated." For example, he thought Jason Kenny, who remains minister of citizenship and immigration, would have moved up.

Allen said he finds the appointment of Tony Clement to Treasury Board, which oversees the civil service, interesting. The size of the cabinet at 39 puts it one short of the

all-time largest of 40 under Brian Mulroney, he said.

With a shortage of Conservative MPs from Quebec because of the New Democrats' sweep, Allen said Prime Minister Stephen Harper had to appoint four of his five Quebec MPs to cabinet.

Welland's MP is chair of the New Democrat caucus, which in the May 2 federal election swelled from 36 to 103 members. The new caucus will hold its first meeting in Ottawa. The members decided how and when they will carry out their election of officers and look at shadow cabinet possibilities.

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■ ALLEN

Local MP reading up on biographies of members

FROM PAGE 10

Allen said he hasn't met many of the 59 new MPs from Quebec but has been reading their biographies.



Malcolm Allen

As the MP from Welland, Allen has had many opportunities to use his French at events in Welland and Port Colborne. He suggested it will get better as his practice increases with the new members from Quebec.



Stephen Harper

"We have an immense amount of talent among them," he said.

The number of young

people in the group is "not only good for the New Democrat Party but for the House of Commons as a whole."

They will bring fresh energy and views to a place filled with middle-aged and older people, he said, adding the faces of Canadian young people in the House will help to engage other young people in the political process.

Allen will go to Ottawa this weekend as part of a New Democrat transition team to help new NDP MPs move in.

With 100 new MPs and a change in the party standings, Parliament Hill will see a big office shuffle, said Allen.

"The Conservatives will get first choice of offices, followed by us as the new official Opposition, then the Liberals and the Bloc with Ms. May (only Green party member) getting what's left."

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■ BIA HANDS OUT PRIZES



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Port Colborne's Downtown Business Improvement Area handed out prizes for a Mother's Day weekend promotion. All 25 area businesses in the downtown core pitched in prizes, and shoppers at those businesses filled out free ballots for the draw. Winners were selected from about 350 ballots submitted. From left are prize winners Jim Armstrong, Elsbeth Rasch and Laurie Whitnall, with BIA treasurer Rosemary Poisson and BIA chair Bob Porter standing behind.

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■ **HOCKEY:** Schedule conflict cited

Pirates promote 'co-coach' to top spot

BERND FRANKÉ
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — A coach who guided the Port Colborne Pirates back from a 3-0 deficit to the Welland Junior Canadians in the quarter-finals and then pushed the eventual playoff champion Niagara Falls Canucks to a seventh game in the next round won't be back behind the Junior B hockey team's bench.

Keith Osborne's schedule as a casino employee was cited by the team as the reason for Bryan Kelly's promotion to the top spot after 2½ seasons as an assistant on Osborne's coaching staff.

"It's not an easy thing when something like this happens by any means, but it was very difficult to swing things for the past two years (to fit Keith's schedule)," Pirates owner Tim Toffolo said.

He added the "unfortunate move" was prompted by the closure of one of Port Colborne's two ice surfaces, pointing out the team would have even less flexibility for practices and games now that all user groups will be concentrated at Westside Arena.

Closure of the Teeder Kennedy Youth Arena, to clear the way for construction of a twin-pad and indoor pool, has already caused the team to move home games back to Friday nights after a season of playing primarily Sunday matinees. "Sunday afternoons was perfect for Keith, but Friday nights won't be," Toffolo, who is also the

Pirates president, stopped short of introducing Kelly as the team's new coach when he confirmed the change behind the bench.

"Bryan and Keith are essentially were 'co-coaches' for the past 2 1/2 years. They made the decision when they coming on board that they would work as co-coaches."

Toffolo said the "seamless nature" of the change in coaches was evident on the weekend at the team's rookie skate at the Seymour-Hannah four-pad in St. Catharines.

"There was no difference to us. It was hockey as usual."

Next season will be Kelly's first as a head coach at the Junior B level, but he has experience in minor hockey and has a "good understanding of the game."

"He recognizes situations as they are happening on the ice and he is very good at using this knowledge to help kids adjust," Toffolo said.

Another familiar face behind the Port Colborne bench when the Greater Ontario Junior Hockey League's Golden Horseshoe Conference gets underway in September will be assistant coach Henry Dunn. He again will be responsible for the defence, which has been his specialty since joining the Pirates along with Osborne and Kelly 2½ years ago.

"Henry is a good communicator," Toffolo said.

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MONDAY, JUNE 13

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Early Years Centre is offering a Lullabies to Literacy - Interactive Infant Program on Monday, June 13 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required. This afternoon program is for infants and their parent/caregiver. Please visit the Ontario Early Years Centre, Port Cares, 92 Charlotte St. or call 905-834-9071 ext. 238 or e-mail oeyc-pol@portcares.on.ca for more information.

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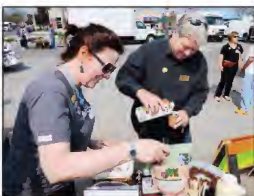
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Films for seniors presented the first Wednesday of the month from Oct. to May 8 1:30 p.m. in the Auditorium. Free admission and refreshments.

Art in the Atrium: "This That & The Other"; prints by Doug Carter on display in the Atrium until July 9, 2011.



DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo

Tracy Tarran, a Port Colborne Fair Trade committee member, talks with Ward I Coun Dave Elliott as he pours a cup of fair trade coffee last Friday morning at Port Colborne's Farmers' Market. The city was celebrating its second anniversary of being Ontario's First Fair Trade City for World Fair Trade Day.

ONGOING

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■ **PROVINCIAL ELECTION:** Former Port councillor ready to run

Ursini gets Tory nod by one vote



VICTORIA GRAY Staff Photo

Dominic Ursini, the new Progressive Conservative candidate in the provincial Welland riding is congratulated by his nine-year-old niece, Amy Klingbell, 9.

InPort News Staff

WELLAND — Welland riding Progressive Conservatives chose a new standard bearer for this fall's provincial election.

A close battle between former Port Colborne city councillor Dominic Ursini and Sandy Annunziata, a Fort Erie town councillor and former Canadian Football League offensive guard, was decided by one vote in favour of Ursini during a robust nomination meeting last week.

"It's an exhilarating feeling, it was a lot of hard work and I look forward to the journey that begins now," Ursini said following his narrow victory.

The nomination meeting was held at the Niagara College student centre before a crowd of more than 300 people.

Both candidates gave passionate speeches to party supporters, and while it seemed Annunziata may have had the louder support, it was Ursini's eloquence which

won the day.

Ursini earned 128 votes, to Annunziata's 127.

Ursini said that he appreciated everyone who came out to vote, and not just his supporters.

"We are all one team, one family," he said. "It also speaks to the fact that we had two great candidates here tonight."

Ursini said he wanted to reach out to all voters in Welland riding who feel disenfranchised by their current provincial representation.

"There is room in this party for you," he said. "We can make a difference, we can make change. I will run my campaign based on hope, not simply empty rhetoric."

Ursini said his first priority is to speak with party Leader Tim Hudak and to start building a strong, organized team to fight New Democrat incumbent Peter Kormos in the Oct. 6 provincial election.

In the last election, Kormos defeated challengers John Mastroianni of the Liberals and PC Ron Bodner relatively handily.

Annunziata also expressed gratitude to his supporters and praised the Welland riding PCs in general for their enthusiasm. He noted the meeting left him with a sense that change could be in the air in Welland.

Annunziata, who last year sought the PC nomination in the Niagara Falls riding and lost to George Lepp prior to running for the Welland nod, said his second nomination defeat may have ended his foray into provincial politics.

"Twice bitten," he said. "It's a decision one has to make with their family, and whatever I do, I do for my family."

Annunziata praised Ursini as a strong choice for Welland riding Progressive Conservatives, a strong challenger to take on Kormos and the NDP and said he would work to support the riding's nominee.

"In politics you have to put your personal feelings aside, and work for the common good," said Annunziata.





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■ PORT CARES: Funds to be used at Reach Out Centre



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Port Cares development officer Pam Swick Janjac and board member Georgia Smith were on hand as Newport Signs owner Frank DiBartolomeo updated the organization's Reaching Out and Changing Lives campaign thermometer Friday.

Rising thermometer a good sign

For InPort News

PORT COLBORNE — Port Cares' capital fundraising campaign continues to heat up.

The temperature was raised last week as the thermometer hanging at the organization's 92 Charlotte St. headquarters was updated to display \$185,363 raised to date.

The campaign, Reaching Out and Changing Lives, is raising money for the renovation of the Reach Out Centre at 61 Nickel St. The addition of a commercial kitchen, community food bank, food storage and increased office space has been made possible through fundraising events and donations from local businesses.

Fundraising began in the fall. Port Cares received \$335,000 each from the

federal and pro-vincial governments but is responsible for raising an additional \$335,000 in order to complete the project.

"We're feeling pretty good about it," said Port Cares Development Officer Pam Swick Janjac, adding that with only \$150,000 more to be raised, the campaign is progressing well. Reaching the fundraising goal looks "very promising."

Executive director Lynda Reinhart said she hopes to see the new food centre open within the next few months.

"We're very anxious to provide this service." The thermometer will be updated again to include the money collected during the latest fundraiser, 4 Men in a Yurt.



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■ LAKESHORE CATHOLIC: Musical memories

Local students perform music in Mickey's kingdom

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For InPort News

PORT COLBORNE — It was a chance to create musical memories in the land of Mickey Mouse for 70 Lakeshore Catholic High School students. They performed at Disney World in Florida while visiting May 10 to 14. The preparation was not easy for the students and their seven chaperons who included music

teacher Loreen Michalak, music director Andy Smith, three Lakeshore teachers and two tour representatives.

The school was required to send in applications and a DVD audition.

"After they accepted our application we started booking," said Michalak.

The 70-student-band ensemble included a choir concert band and jazz band.

"The band plays a variety of pop, film theme songs, contemporary and jazz," said Michalak.

The Lakeshore team was able to perform on the water-front stage at Disney Magic Music Day.

"We've never brought 70 students anywhere. This was our largest group and the parents were very supportive," said Michalak.

The cost was \$1,000 a student. Fundraisers were held in order to ensure students were able to afford this experience. The students and staff held concerts and sold citrus fruits, poinsettias and cookies.

Every other year Lakeshore plans a trip for its band.

"This year was the most exciting and successful," said Michalak.

Not only did the students get to perform and display their hard work, but they also got to enjoy what the Disney resort has to offer.

"We worked hard all year with band practice every week. We wanted to represent our school and community.

The students were extremely excited, they had a countdown calendar and a countdown when there were only

hours left," said Michalak. "The students were amazing, exceptional, no one was late, all abided by the rules. I would do it again."

The Disney Magic Music Day attracts music departments from across the globe.

Alex Bitzley, 18, who sings in the choir and plays alto sax, said, "Going with friends is a lot different than going with your family. I had a blast."



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